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## Mail Stop Patent Application

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Presented for filing is a new continuation patent application of:

Applicant: ARVIND MITHAL AND JAMES C. HOE

Title: DIGITAL CIRCUIT SYNTHESIS SYSTEM

The prior application is assigned of record to Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a Massachusetts corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on 10383 at 0050.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

	<u>Pages</u>
Specification	34
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### Enclosures:

- Form PTO-1449, 2 pages, listing documents cited in the parent application(s). Please confirm that these have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the examiner's initials.
- Preliminary amendment, 6 pages.
- Postcard.

This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/377,372, filed August 19, 1999. The disclosure

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of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

This application is entitled to small entity status. See 27 CFR 1.27.

Basic filing fee	\$375
Total claims in excess of 20 times \$9	\$0
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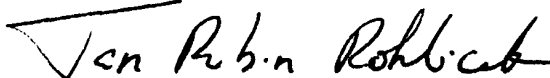
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